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USSR-Germany: The Soviet memorandum of 17 February to Bonn probably is a reminder to the West that the Berlin and German questions remain unsolved. It may have been timed to influence Chancellor Adenauer's talks with Prime Minister Macmillan on 22 February. Although the memorandum asserted that negotiations cannot be further deferred, it avoided establishing an explicit deadline. Moscow makes no new proposals and reaffirms its long-standing positions on establishing a free city in West Berlin and concluding a German peace treaty. The memorandum does not exclude the possibility of an interim solution of the Berlin question under a definite time limit, and repeats the general threat to conclude a separate peace treaty.

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Congo: Tshombé has reacted immediately and vigorously to the UN Security Council's 21 February resolution. Charging that the resolution was a "declaration of war by the UN against Katanga and the whole former Belgian Congo," he announced the

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the demonstrators had obtained a permit to march in protest against the murder of Patrice Lumumba and against the supply of American materiel to the Chinese Nationalist irregulars in northeastern Burma. They had been denied, however, authorization to approach the American Embassy. As of nightfall, the demonstrators in front of the embassy had been dispersed by Army troops called in to assist the police, but continued to agitate and demonstrate in smaller groups throughout the city. Although a number of police and demonstrators have been injured and one death has been reported, thus far no Americans have been injured and property damage has been limited to smashed windows in the embassy building and at the Pan American office.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

- A. No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate hostilities against the United States or its possessions in the immediate future.
- B. No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action against US forces abroad, US allies, or areas peripheral to the bloc in the immediate future.
- C. Communist forces in Laos continue the active defense of their base area in the Plaine des Jarres. The bloc shows no inclination toward a political settlement except on its own terms. The Communist forces in Laos retain the

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capability to increase somewhat their military efforts in support of their political objectives.

D. Effective implementation of the strengthened UN mandate in the Congo will probably tend to arrest the disintegration of the Gizenga regime, to inhibit the military activity of Mobutu's forces, and to raise a serious possibility of armed clashes between UN forces and the Katanga army.

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